Draft SLBA Exclusion List

During the discussion of the SLBA-SBP Implementation Guide (January 2018 – October 2018) the following first draft of an SLBA Exclusion List was developed by the SBI Core Group:

SLBA-SBP signatory banks will not finance any activity, production, use, distribution, business or trade involving:

1. Forced labor[1] or child labor[2]
2. Activities or materials deemed illegal under host country laws or regulations or international conventions and agreements, or subject to international phase-outs or bans, such as:
   a) Ozone depleting substances, PCBs (Polychlorinated Biphenyls) and other specific, hazardous pharmaceuticals, pesticides/herbicides or chemicals;
   b) Wildlife or products regulated under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species or Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); or
   c) Unsustainable fishing methods (e.g. blast fishing and drift net fishing in the marine environment using nets in excess of 2.5 km in length)
3. Cross-border trade in waste and waste products, unless compliant to the Basel Convention and the underlying regulations
4. Destruction[3] of High Conservation Value areas[4]
5. Radioactive materials[5]
6. Pornography and/or prostitution.
7. In the event that any of these following products form a substantial part of a project's primary financed business activities:[6]
   a) Alcohol beverages (except beer and wine)
   b) Tobacco
   c) Weapons and munitions; or
   d) Gambling, casinos and equivalent enterprises

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1 Forced labor means all work or service, not voluntarily performed, that is extracted from an individual under threat of force or penalty as defined by ILO conventions.

2 Persons may only be employed if they are at least 14 years old, as defined in the ILO Fundamental Human Rights Conventions (Minimum Age Convention C138, Art.2), unless local legislation specifies compulsory school attendances or the minimum age for working. In such cases the higher age shall apply.

3 Destruction means the (1) elimination or severe diminution of the integrity of an area caused by a major, long-term change in land or water use or (2) modification of a habitat in such a way that the area's ability to maintain its role is lost.

4 High Conservation Value (HCV) areas are defined as natural habitats where these values are considered to be of outstanding significance or critical importance (see http://www.hcvnetwork.org).

5 This does not apply to the purchase of medical equipment, quality control (measurement) equipment or any other equipment where the radioactive source is understood to be trivial and/or adequately shielded.

6 For companies, "substantial" means more than 10% of their consolidated balance sheets or earnings. For financial institutions and investment funds, "substantial" means more than 10% of their underlying portfolio.